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1. There is a petroleum plant in the northeastern end of Ruse 700 meters from the Danube River. The plant is composed of small 1-story buildings and covers an area of 300 square meters. In the plant there are two pumping station pools (sic) for unrefined petroleum, two large cracking tanks or boilers, and four pools for gasoline, benzine, fuel oil, and other products separated in refining. The plant employs 60 persons.

2. There are no petroleum wells. Petroleum is brought to the pumps from Rumania in tankers. In 1946 most of the Rumanian petroleum went to the USSR. Refined petroleum was sent to Bulgaria. Petroleum and benzine from the factory in Ruse were barrelled and sent inland by train.

3. Pumping station No. one, on the banks of the Danube, is five meters long and four meters wide. No. two pumping station is 12 meters long and four meters wide. At pumping station No. three, [redacted] the two cracking 25X1
25X1 tanks (boilers) are visible. [redacted] are each three meters deep and five
25X1 meters long. [redacted] The large pools into which the petroleum is pumped are 20 meters in diameter and 30 meters high.

4. There is a leather factory 800 meters west of the petroleum plant. Approximately 50 workers are employed in the factory.

5. Approximately 30 meters west of the leather factory, there is a chemical products plant which is owned by Nacho Nachev but administered by the government. This plant has three sections, each of which manufactures different

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products. These products are for domestic consumption. The first section of the plant produces oxygen, the second vinegar, and the third yeast. The oxygen is used in manufacturing soda and lemonade. There are 40 workers in this plant.

6. The largest sugar factory in Bulgaria is located 150 meters south of the petroleum plant, south of the Ruse-Razgrad railroad tracks.

7. Approximately one kilometer west of the sugar factory, there is the State Railways Workshop where engines and railroad rolling stock are repaired. Informant heard that 500 persons worked there.

8. In the eastern part of Ruse, there is a soap factory which employs approximately 70 persons.[1]

9. There is a rubber plant in the southern part of Ruse which employs approximately 40 persons.

Military

10. Since the beginning of 1951, 5 Tuna Infantry Division has been transferred gradually from Ruse to Varna. [redacted] this division on a trip from Varna to Provadiya in March, April, and May 1951. 25X1

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11. [redacted] the headquarters (but not the troops) of 8 Regiment in Varna had moved to Provadiya.

12. Unit Military No. 5273 of the Trudovak unit in Gorna Manastiritsa, Byala district, numbers 350 men. [redacted] this unit which was scheduled to construct a new highway between Byala and Gorna Manastiritsa. Trudovak unit No. 5273 was subordinated to the trudovak regiment in Pleven. 25X1

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1. [redacted] Comment: One of the soap factories in Ruse is known as the Khristo Botev factory.

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